

THE MINER DIVORCE UNDER FULL HEADWAY

Record of Testimony
Brought Up to
Date.

GREAT LEGAL BATTLE YESTERDAY

COURT HOLDS CONFIDENCES BETWEEN WIFE AND HUSBAND
LEGALLY INVOLUBLE.

Dr. Miner Takes The Witness Stand
In His Own Defense and Speaking
of His Child Breaks Down.

The Miner divorce case has run the gamut of the human emotions and impulses. The pathetic side was developed yesterday. Dr. Miner was on the stand to tell the story of the failure of his marriage. He was telling how he had been summoned from a hunting trip to Cottonwood, California, to his home at Salinas, by a telegram from his wife, saying, "Come home; little V. is very sick." It seems that "V." referred to little Gladys, whose real name is Vera. He said he found the little one, then fourteen months old, lying on her stomach, arms and legs extended, pale and emaciated.

Here Dr. Miner broke down, as he did the other day when a witness spoke of the affection that had existed between himself and his child. He wept and appeared to have a mild attack of hysteria. It was a sad scene and to end it Judge Humphreys adjourned his court until 9:30 this morning.

Mrs. Miner was an interested onlooker and a grim smile passed over her thin, close-pressed lips, as she saw her husband writhe under his trials and troubles.

It was a fit ending to a day not in the least cheering to those whose duty it becomes to listen to the hearing of this cause. There has been nothing sensational in the developments. It is all more or less pathetic. The first witness for the defense was Harry Armitage, from whom Dr. Miner bought some sugar, stocks, which were to stand in his wife's name and over which, according to Mrs. Miner, there was a big row in the family. He said Dr. Miner had told him to issue the stock in his wife's name, but had given him no initials. Before that Mrs. Miner had been to see him and asked him to issue it in the name of Mrs. Rose Miner. He forgot to do so and Dr. Miner was therefore not responsible for what had been done.

The Salinas Desertion.
Mrs. Emma Ellerbrook testified to Mrs. Miner's desertion of the doctor and his child at Salinas, Cal., when Gladys was fourteen months old. That came about over a family row as to bathing the baby. Mrs. Miner was then headed for England, but got no further than San Francisco, where her husband overtook her and persuaded her to return with him.

Mrs. Mary Ann Lemon, a nurse attending Mrs. Miner in her illness last year said Dr. Miner was uniformly kind to his wife and showed great affection for his child and she for him. Dr. A. Sinclair was called several times during Dr. Miner's last illness and noticed that the child was fond of the father and he of the child. He also gave expert testimony in the matter of skin discoloration, of black and blue spots. Dr. Galbraith practically gave the same testimony.

Mrs. A. Long said that when the alleged desertion of the baby took place at Salinas the father and nurse took care of the child. She related how Mrs. Miner refused to see some friends who had made preparations to receive her and her husband; how Mrs. Miner wheeled around and retired the doctor following her. Witness said she had to give up Dr. Miner as family physician, because he did not respond to telephone calls. Her daughter was ill, she called up Dr. Miner's number. It was responded to by Mrs. Miner, but Dr. Miner failed to come and she called another doctor.

C. W. Booth also called up the Miner residence to summon the doctor, but he did not come. He also related an incident illustrating the fondness of Gladys for her father.

Mrs. Mary Grau called to see Dr. Miner and Mrs. Miner slammed the door in her face. As her mother was ill and had great faith in Dr. Miner, witness remained outside the house until he came home.

E. L. Marshall is an intimate friend of the family. Said as far as he observed Dr. Miner had treated his wife with uniform courtesy, and that he was fond of Gladys and Gladys of him. Gladys needed treatment at one time and being given the choice selected Dr. Herbert. Mrs. Miner at one time had a long, thin blue streak or her arm, which she showed him. The cause of it was not developed.

Dr. C. B. High is an intimate friend of the family. He regarded Dr. Miner as a good husband, fond of his child and the child fond of him.

W. W. Dimond said Mrs. Miner of ten visited his home, sometimes remaining over night. Gladys would sometimes stay for days at a time. Her father would visit her every day while the mother might come several

times. He always thought Gladys fond of her father and he of her.

Those Cordial Relations.
Wm. Moon was an intimate friend of the family and at one time lived in the house. There were always the most cordial relations between Gladys and her father and never saw anything wrong between the Dr. and Mrs. Miner.

Frank Halstead is an intimate friend of the family and Gladys would often visit his home without her parents. He never suspected differences in the Miner family.

Sister Beatrice, of St. Andrew's Priory, said Gladys met her father there since the divorce proceedings have been inaugurated and the child always seemed to be at perfect ease.

Mrs. Giles was the nurse to Mrs. Miner when Gladys was born. The father waited on the mother and was kind and considerate. She said Mrs. Miner was fault-finding and disinclined to be pleased with anything Dr. Miner would do for her. She couldn't recall that anything was wrong with the mosquito netting. She said the only thing the doctor insisted on doing was to read a chapter from the Bible, one evening. Mrs. Miner objected to this. She said the doctor read either the 14th or 15th chapter of St. John. When cross-examined by Judge Sullivan witness denied that she was a Salvation Army woman. She is a member of the Christian church, but has rung on street corners and took the Bible for her guide of life.

The court asked her if she had been to church the preceding Sunday. She said she had not. The Sunday before? asked the court. Yes. What was the text of the sermon? She didn't remember. How do you happen to remember the chapter Dr. Miner read, asked the court. "Because it begins with 'Let not your heart be troubled' and is a beautiful one. This proved to be the 14th chapter of St. John."

Mrs. Gertz, who had been a servant in the Miner household, contradicted Gladys's story of Aug. 16. Gladys said she saw her father strike her mother on the forehead and then went to Mrs. Gertz. Mrs. Gertz said Gladys came to her when the noise was heard on the verandah and on being asked said her father had not struck her mother but she was afraid he would. Gladys then remained with her and could not have seen the subsequent events. This witness' testimony was also in conflict with the story told by Gladys concerning the girl called Daisy.

Witness said that so far as she could see Dr. Miner always behaved properly toward Mrs. Miner. Witness advised Mrs. Miner not to leave her husband and told her what would follow. She said Gladys was fond of her father and he of her. Gladys never had any work to do save perhaps to put her shoes in order. Gladys once cried because witness had refused to permit her to wash dishes and fussed about until witness consented.

The Green-Eyed Devil.

Mrs. Ganzell was the first witness yesterday. She called to see the doctor and was stared out of countenance by Mrs. Miner, who gave evidence of contempt and jealousy. The object evidently was to show that such acts belittled her decor and tended to injure his business.

The court, attorneys and principals in the case then made a visit to the Miner home, at Beretania and Union streets, to get the lay of things.

The bulk of the afternoon was consumed by legal arguments over the admission of testimony. Dr. Miner being on the witness stand, under examination by Mr. Magoon.

The witness said his name was Frank Leslie Miner, that he was born in Vermont and is 46 years old. He is a physician and surgeon, being a graduate of McGill University, Montreal, Canada, where he took a four year course. He was a practicing physician and surgeon when he first came here in 1878. He left here in the spring of 1880. He went hence to Canada to visit his parents, remaining there two years, resting and trying to regain his health. He then went to London, where he had been before, to work in the hospitals, to study medicine and surgery there in the hospitals. He continued there one year.

Left London a second time, going to Heidelberg, Germany, to take up microscopy. Including vacations he remained there three and a half years. He took in the colleges and incidentally acquired a knowledge of the German language. On leaving Heidelberg he went to Vienna to do bedside work. Thence he returned to Heidelberg and London. In the latter city taking the degrees of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons.

While in England he was married at Leeds, in 1886, near which place his wife's mother resides. After the wedding they went to Liverpool, where they remained one night, sailing thence for Boston the following day.

A Honey-moon Squabble.
The bickerings began early, the first outbreak, according to the doctor, occurring on the steamer as soon as the sea sickness had worn off, the third or fourth day out. The doctor said he asked his wife to play the piano, as he knew she could play two or three pieces very well, though he didn't know anything about her musical accomplishments beyond that. She simply looked up cold and hard, throwing up her head and glaring at him. She said she couldn't play, wouldn't play and didn't play. He brought all the persuasion of a newly married man to bear on her, but in vain and he was cruelly hurt. All this testimony was subsequently stricken out.

There were no other unpleasant scenes on the way over and the landing in Boston was safely made. The

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BOB WILCOX GETS HIS CERTIFICATE IN TIME

Will Sail Today with
Credentials in His
Pocket.

RETURNS WERE SENT UNDER SEAL

TWO MORE ELECTION INSPECTORS BLUNDER IN MAKING
REPORTS TO SECRETARY.

Records Were Unsealed Yesterday In
The Presence of Judge Perry, Revealing the Missing Figures—Official Vote for Delegate.

Robert Wilcox will go to Washington today on the Rio de Janeiro with his credentials as delegate to congress in his pocket.

Governor Dole yesterday afternoon made out the certificate and affixed to it his seal and signature.

The returns from the second and fourth precincts of the second district on Hawaii were found yesterday morning by Secretary H. E. Cooper. He had written the delinquent election inspectors in these two districts but no response, and it began to look as if the returns from these two hallmarks were lost in the shuffle.

Yesterday morning John Emmelhuth and James K. Kaulla called upon the Secretary and urged him to look for the returns in the sealed election records which had been duly received. Accordingly he took the records before Judge Perry, broke the seals and found the much wanted returns just three weeks and three days after election day.

The footings were then quickly made and Robert Wilcox, the Independent candidate was officially counted in by a plurality over Parker of 227 for the 56th and 263 for the 57th congress. This state of facts was duly certified to the Governor in an adjoining room whereupon he forthwith drew up the credentials of Hawaii's first delegate. The vote by precincts for delegate as officially counted is as follows:

Fifty-sixth Congress.			
Prin. David S. Parker, R. W. Wilcox			
1.....	152	419	544
2.....	166	464	544
3.....	398	580	714
4.....	476	1,381	886
5.....	319	827	1,097
6.....	150	164	321
	1,556	3,845	4,108

Fifty-seventh Congress.

Prin. David S. Parker, R. W. Wilcox			
1.....	158	413	549
2.....	173	464	549
3.....	388	581	711
4.....	466	1,389	879
5.....	320	843	1,095
6.....	147	170	319
	1,600	3,856	4,082

The body of the Governor's certificate contains the following statement over the acknowledged signature of the Territorial Executive:

"I, Sanford B. Dole, Governor of the Territory of Hawaii, do hereby certify, that Robert W. Wilcox was on the 6th day of November, 1900, duly elected for the unexpired term of the 56th congress."

A similar certificate was made out for the 57th congress.

Spaulding Goes to Kauai.

Colonel Z. S. Spaulding left in the Waialeale last evening for a visit to the Kealia Sugar Co. He denies that he is here on cable business, but says his trip is on business of a private nature connected with the sugar industry.

Concert This Afternoon.

There will be a public concert this afternoon at 4 o'clock at Emma Square. The program will be as follows: March—The Ameer..... Herbert Overture—The Road to Glory..... Kling Fantasia—Solo and Chorus..... Conterno Selection—Popular Airs..... Kappay Waltz—Morgenblatter..... Strauss March—Smoky Mokes..... Holzman The Star Spangled Banner.

Says Now He Will Return.

George Pratt, the leper, says now he is willing to return to San Francisco. Pratt will have a long time to remain at Kalahehi until the China returns. Meanwhile he is liable to say anything.

THE WAIALUA MEETING.

The Net Indebtedness Now Nearly Half a Million.

The annual meeting of the Waiaina Agricultural Company which was held yesterday was on motion adjourned until February next. At the meeting treasurer W. A. Bowen made the following financial statement: There is due the agents today \$530,807.06, and for machinery and pumping contracts, etc., \$282,978.51, making the total obligations \$813,785.57. Against this debt \$346,960 and sugar shipped and unreported \$463 tons, which at the conservative basis of 60¢ a ton will yield

\$244,510. These figures show a net indebtedness of \$422,475.97.

The expenditure for permanent improvements for the thirteen months ended October 31 was \$1,243,649.79. Operating expenses for the same period amounted to \$743,691.44.

This season's crop is about 6000 tons but it cannot be all got off before the end of the year.

THE EWA PLANTATION.

Annual Meeting Held in This City Yesterday.

At the annual meeting called yesterday by the directors of the Ewa plantation company a motion to have the annual meeting held hereafter on the last day of December was carried and the meeting adjourned until that time when the regular annual reports of the officers will be read and the routine business of the annual meeting gone through with.

At the meeting yesterday President J. B. Atherton presided and Treasurer W. A. Bowen and Secretary E. D. Tenney were present.

W. R. Castle and E. D. Tenney and W. A. Bowen were appointed a committee on revision of bylaws and will report at the adjourned meeting.

Mr. Bowen gave an oral statement of the finances of the company, which was gratifying to the shareholders.

The total amount due the agents to date is \$145,260.37. There are outstanding contracts for machinery amounting to \$129,769.82, the payment of which will be spread over a considerable period. These amounts added make the company's obligations, outside of bonds, \$266,030.15.

Sugar shipped and unreported is 7360 tons, which at the conservative basis of \$70 a ton will yield a return of \$515,200. There has been a ground this season 25,680 tons of sugar. It is estimated that there will be enough more to bring the crop up to 28,000 tons. The enormous yield of eleven tons to the acre is shown.

SWEETSTAKES RACES AT KAPIOLANI PARK

Entries for Grand Closing Events of Honolulu Driving Association Will Take Place Today.

The closing day of the Kapiolani park races under the auspices of the Honolulu Driving Association which is today promises to be a memorable event. A large attendance of spectators here of the club last evening at the Hawaiian hotel gave assurance of much from previous arrangements. The distinctive feature will be that every race will be for sweepstakes. That is to say every owner must back his own horse for the full limit of his confidence without depending upon a set purse offered by the association.

At the meeting last evening the program of events was fully agreed upon and the entries were reported by Secretary Ayres and approved by the meeting. Following are the events and entries in their order:

Half mile, free for all—Cassimir, Merril's Faust and Frank S.
Half mile maidens—Shenadoah Jr., Abbey and General Cronje.
Three minute trot and pace—Fred Eros and Way Boy.
Three-fourth mile, free for all—Aggravation and Virgie A.
Half mile, Hawaiian bred—Mani Jose and Lawrence H.
One mile, handicap—Bill McCloskey, 128 pounds; Amarino, 120 pounds; Antidote, 107 pounds.

The races begin at 1:30 sharp. The judges will be the same as on Thanksgiving Day, they having given entire satisfaction: J. W. McDonald, Capt. Soule and Dr. Shaw.

With the favorable weather of the past day or two which promises to continue today the managers expect the track to be in the pink of condition and the attendance they hope will be unprecedented.

PAY DAY FOR TEACHERS.

Board of Education Issues Warrants For \$23,000 Yesterday.

The monthly pay day of the board of education occurred yesterday. One hundred teachers, a score of janitors and a number of transient officers made the regular tour to the judiciary building and in round numbers the sum of \$9000 was disbursed in warrants for the support of the public schools of Honolulu. For the whole territory the amount paid out came close to the \$23,000 mark. These figures do not include the officers and office help of the board which get their pay by direct legislative enactment from the territorial treasury.

Yesterday there was no school and all day long the lights of learning sought their mecca. It was a good place to study the expressions of various shades of patience so much supposed to be the exclusive property of the ideal teacher. Enough of this could be realized to embellish the status of a young goddess of wisdom or two, and also to get a fair idea of the latest styles in bonnets and gowns.

Seattle's Chief Resigns.

Chief of Police Charles S. Reed of Seattle has placed his resignation in the hands of Mayor Humes. Reed has held the office since 1898. His retirement savors of political estrangement between the mayor and the chief. City Detective W. L. Meredith has been named for temporary chief and January 1 his appointment will likely be permanent.

MRS. NG MON WAR IN THE POLICE COURT

Examination of Witnesses Continues
This Morning.

AN HO DISDAINS THE MON WARS

STORIES OF CRUELTY TOLD IN COURT BY THE TIMID BUT
CHEERFUL GIRL.

Evidence is Brought In by the Defense to Show That the Little Girl Was Not Punished as Alleged—Defendant Nervous.

The star case in police court yesterday was the trial of Mrs. Ng Mon War for assault and battery upon Ah Ho, her alleged girl slave. The trial occupied a portion of the forenoon and all of the afternoon and will be resumed again at 9 o'clock this morning.

The trial brought out conflicting testimony. The statements of Mrs. West, a neighbor of the Mon Wars, was corroborated by the testimony of Ah Ho, herself. The defense, which is being conducted by Lawyer Russell introduced two witnesses, Annie Ulan and Ah Sau to prove that little Ah Ho was not beaten, as alleged, of Tuesday, November 29. The first witness is a native woman, who says she was sewing at Mrs. Mon War's house from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. on the day in question and that she heard no crying and saw no whipping or beating.

Ah Sau, the other witness for the defense, was a guest with Mr. Mon War that day at lunch. He said that while he was at the house he saw Ah Ho and that she did not look as if she had been crying. He saw her leading the baby around and did not notice that anything was the matter with her hand.

Mrs. West, who was the only witness for the prosecution, except little Ah Ho, herself, told a straight story of what she knew about her neighbor and what she had seen of her treatment of the little girl, Ah Ho. She said she had seen Mrs. Mon War on the back porch beating the child fearfully on the Tuesday in question. At different times she had seen the woman through the windows punishing the little girl by beating her with a stick of wood.

Ah Ho, when brought in to testify, was plainly affected by the presence of so many people in the court room and the proximity of the pair whom she looked upon as persecutors. Mrs. Mon War was not more than five feet from her as she sat in the witness box. She would not look at them and when asked by the counsel and the interpreter to look in the direction of the defendants in order to identify them, she only turned her back the more and could not be coaxed to favor them with even a side glance. However, she said she knew who was there; that it was Mr. Mon War and his wife with whom she once lived.

An unusual dialogue occurred when High Sheriff Brown examined the witness as to her understanding of the nature of an oath. To such question as "Do you know the nature of an oath?" "Do you know right from wrong?" "Do you know what will become of you if you tell a lie?" She merely said: "I don't know." When asked if she would tell the truth or lie, she answered, "I will tell the truth."

She was embarrassed by the situation and the interpreter had to stand very near in order to catch her replies. She seemed anxious to tell the court that she had not run away from home, but that a man came and took her away because her mistress was cruel. She said she had been beaten on the hand, legs and feet with stove wood and that the piece of wood with which she was beaten on Tuesday was the same that she threw across the fence to Mrs. West. She exhibited her hands on which were marks, to Judge Wilcox, and said the lumps were caused by the punishment she received on that Tuesday.

On cross examination by Mr. Russell she said that Mrs. Mon War ordered her to lay her hand on a chair and when it was in that position she was struck on the hand by Mrs. Mon War.

Throughout the whole of her testimony she kept her face turned squarely away from her former master and mistress and seemed visibly affected by their presence.

Mrs. Mon War is of slight build like most of the women of her race and is decidedly prepossessing in appearance for an Oriental. All the time in the court room she was nervous and uneasy, both when alone and when her husband and counsel were near.

Pain and the Police.

Mr. Pain, of the Tramway, takes issue with the police, who hold that members of the department are entitled to ride on the line free of charge. This custom prevailed at one time here, but Pain claims that members of the force abused the privilege by riding when off duty. That he has given definite orders to his men to carry out his ideas on the question is evident, since Capt. Fox, a mounted

patrol, was ordered off a car Wednesday night, because he wouldn't pay his fare. He was in uniform at the time and left the car under protest without incurring violence. Capt. Fox believes he has the law on his side and will test the matter.

Soldiers Make Arrest.

Hale, a native, was arrested Thursday night at Waikiki by two soldiers from Camp McKinley. The soldiers were sitting at the end of the tramway line near the residence of Mrs. Lemon, when a young man came up and said he believed some one was entering her house. In a short time Hale came running out in a state of great excitement. They suspected him as being the man and placed him under arrest, afterward turning him over to the police.

TRAINING SCHOOLS ENTERTAIN.

Boys of Four Departments Treated to a Fine Program and Refreshments.

The four branches of the Boys' Brigade training school of Honolulu had a fine entertainment at the manual training building near the depot Thursday evening. The youngsters from Kailhi, Punchbowl, Palama and Kakaako were all well represented and a most enjoyable program was furnished to the delight of the appreciative audience.

Assistant Secretary Coats of the Y. M. C. A. gave a physical exhibition of much interest in the art of swinging lighted Indian clubs. Superintendent J. H. Waldron gave an instructive talk on "Driving a Nail." Mr. Richards spoke entertainingly of the "Manual Training Department of the Club." The feature of the evening was listening to some very unique utterances and music from a phonograph. The boys were treated to a delicious course of ice cream and cake.

LIBANA WOULD HAVE A DIVORCE.

She Finds Fault With Sylvano De Nobrega's Social Demeanor.

Libana de Nobrega wants a divorce from Sylvano de Nobrega and in an action filed yesterday intimates that she must have it.

Libana is already separated from Sylvano by legal process. On September 28, 1899, they entered into a very cordial agreement to not punish each other longer by sustaining the relation of man and wife. A decree of separation completed that negotiation, but Libana is not yet satisfied with the state of affairs. She now believes, and says so in plain words, that Sylvano is living in open and notorious adultery with one Mary Kaahalo, at Waolani, Honolulu. To this Libana objects and she thinks she can only be recompensed for this breach of etiquette by a complete and absolute divorce of the harshest kind.

Libana reveals a little history of her contract to live apart from Sylvano. She says he stipulated very readily to pay her the necessary sum of \$6 per week which she would use to maintain a visible food supply for her humble household. Then she says quite fearlessly of contradiction that he has failed to do so for two months. Sylvano does not seem to care if her tale is true or false, but she says she has no more of Sylvano but would like a slice of his property on Nuuanu street, and his taro patches at Palama-uka, worth \$5000 and \$1500 respectively. She also wants to come in on a house and land worth \$800 and personal belongings to the amount of \$1900. Libana piteously confesses that she is utterly without means of any kind to pay her lawyer. She enumerates as issues of the marriage one son, Joseph by name, who has basked in the sunshine of twenty-four summers. Libana and Sylvano were quietly married on the island of Madeira in 1872.

Association Reception Tonight.
At Progress has this evening the joint reception to the members of the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. will take place. It has been arranged that each member of either association invite one friend. By this arrangement a fine evening of social intercourse is promised.

In the way of entertainment Miss Bacon, the young women's physical instructor, will give an exhibition of Indian club swinging and Mr. Coats will delight the audience with the maneuvering of lighted Indian clubs. The Amateur Orchestra promises two musical selections. Mrs. Harrison will sing and there will be other musical selections.

AMUSEMENTS.

The fact that the public appreciate good talent when they have it was evidenced in the biggest Friday night house last evening that the Orpheum has seen for many a day.

The new comers established themselves yet more firmly in public opinion. Alice Raymond scoring a big hit as indeed did all the new arrivals. Conlon and Ryder were as ever artistically funny while Adams deserved more than passing notice for what he does. He is a hard worker and is worked hard by his audiences. His quick changes are quite a novelty and must keep him hustling between songs. The first part went better last night. Mabel LeClaire, Kurkamp and Ida Howell all received merited ovations and Hanlon and Singer seem to have decidedly caught on.

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INDEPENDENTS GIVE WILCOX A SENDOFF

Meeting Under Ruins
of Kaumakapili
Church.

BIG GUNS OF THE PARTY SPEAK

STREETS ARE ONCE MORE
BRIGHT WITH A TORCH
LIGHT PARADE.

Hawaii's First Delegate Makes His

Farewell Talk to His Constituents
Through the Columns of The Republican—Theresa Goes Too.

Robert W. Wilcox, delegate to congress, will sail on the Rio this morning. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Wilcox, their two children and maid, and Mr. Wilcox's private secretary D. Kalaauokalani and wife. They will stop one day in San Francisco and go from that city direct to Washington over the Southern Pacific.

When seen by a representative of The Republican last night at the Independent demonstration at Kaumakapili church Mr. Wilcox said:

"I have had such a short time between receiving my certificate of election from Governor Dole and the hour of the ship's sailing that I have had to omit calling on a number of people. I wanted, especially to see Judge Estee and some of the other officials. However as I received my papers at 4 o'clock I had to pack my grip at once."

"You may say if you will that in Washington I shall work for everything that will be for the benefit of Hawaii and all the people. I now know no party distinctions and will not be biased in my labors by class or party differences. I hope it may be said of me that I represented all the people."

"I want the people of these islands to keep track of matters in congress and study the questions that are there discussed, with reference to their bearing on Hawaiian progress and prosperity. I want them when sudden questions arise affecting these islands, to keep me informed of local sentiment concerning them. Petitions should be sent me bearing the signatures of my constituents, so that I may keep in touch with the local sentiment. Such petitions will command my attention and my labors no matter what party or class is represented in the signatures."

"I am deeply pleased with this fine demonstration tonight."